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PRESS RELEASE

Type of Incident: Building Fire

Date / Time of Occurrence: Tuesday August 3, 2021

Location: 6A Tom Nevers Road, Nantucket

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Statement:

At 12:08 reports of a possible brush fire were received by 911 in the area of Tom Nevers and Milestone roads. Further 911 calls reported a structure fire. The occupants of a Carpentry Shop had an electric motor malfunction causing a fire. The occupants of the shop call 911 and attempted to put the fire out with a fire extinguisher but were unsuccessful. An Engine was dispatched (3 FF/EMTs) to the scene arriving on scene at 12:17. The ladder responded with 3 off duty firefighters as well as the Chief and Deputy Chief for the department. Additional equipment to the scene were Ambulance with 4 Firefighters, Engine 1 with 3 Firefighters and two Tanker trucks each with 1 firefighter. The Chief arriving first on scene (1216) found the building heavily involved in fire. Approx. 80 -90% of the building had fire involvement. The first arriving Engine crew attempted to control the fire within the building from the exterior but the fire had progressed too far. A defensive position was taken by the on scene crews, keeping the fire from extending to the brush line behind the structure. The next arriving crew on the ladder assisted in containing the fire to the building of origin.

Companies were successful in not allowing further spread to the wildland surrounding the building.

The area of the incident had no fire hydrants and tanker shuttles were established to bring water to the scene.

Fire was contained to the building of origin. Damage to the structure from the fire is a total loss. Estimated cost of loss from the fire estimated at \$250,000.

As of 4:00pm Fire department personnel are still on scene attempting to get to hot spots at the fire building.

Units that responded to the scene; E1, L1, E4, Tanker 1, Tanker 2, Ambulance 1, C1 & C2 for a total of 17 NFD members. No injuries to civilians or Fire Department members.

The probable cause of the fire is still under investigation but with the initial reports believed to be from an electric motor malfunction.

No further information is available. No Photos available.

Property Owner:

Type of Damage: Minor: ☐ Moderate: ☐ Heavy / Severe: ☒

Cause: possible malfunction of an electric motor

Assisting Agencies: Nantucket Police: ☒ State Fire Marshal's Office: ☐ Mass. State Police: ☐

Mass. Environmental Police: ☐ American Red Cross: ☐ Nantucket Dept Of Public Works: ☐

Nantucket Harbor Marine Dept: ☐ Nantucket Airport: ☐ Others: ☐

Estimated # of emergency personnel on scene: 17

Injuries to emergency personnel: Yes: ☐ No: ☒

Injuries to citizens: Yes: ☐ No: ☒